1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tamil Nadu	51978	53503	51025	9571	9939	9275	52922	55130	55242
Tripura	544	624	676	175	157	168	949	708	927
Uttaranchal	1061	1117	1222	704	705	756	1148	1255	1692
Uttar Pradesh	20473	20684	14286	9654	9726	7845	13256	13152	9348
West Bengal	16954	17974	10444	3712	4510	4361	10625	13800	12769
A & N Islands	181	168	180	17	21	12	230	243	252
Chandigarh	492	494	442	118	110	134	495	469	437
D & N Haveli	88	80	73	40	32	34	117	99	65
Daman & Diu	53	68	72	13	18	19	42	61	74
Delhi	9344	8699	8863	1842	1696	1801	8449	7929	7829
Lakshadweep	6	3	1	1	Nil	Nil	6	6	1
Pondicherry	1286	1484	1586	170	192	188	1381	1571	1695
TOTAL	405637	407497	406726	80888	84674	85998	405216	408711	435122

SSIs in rural areas

†259. Prof. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present policy of Government for laying a network of small scale industries, their development and their advancement in the rural areas of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to protect small scale industries, working in the different States of the country from foreign competition and providing them adequate protection; and

(c) what are the new initiatives of Government to effectively improve the condition of small scale industries and providing them basis facilities under the existing liberal policy?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Small scale industries are set up by private entrepreneurs and not by the Government. However, the Central Government and the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations implement a number

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of schemes/programme to facilitate the growth and development of small scale industries ail over the country.

(b) The Central Government is aware of the increasing competition faced by the small scale industries following the liberalization and globalization of the economy. With a view to enhancing the competitiveness of the small scale and enabling them to face the competition, the Central Government has put in place several measures. These include schemes/ programmes of assistance for technology upgradation of individual units as well as their groups/clusters, making bank credit of upto Rs. 5 lakh available without collateral (Rs. 25 lakh for units with good track record), 75 per cent credit guarantee for loans up to Rs. 25 lakh, creating awareness among these industries regarding export-related issues and sensitizing them to the emerging challenges of trade liberalization, reimbursement of the cost of obtaining ISO 900/14001 certification upto Rs. 75,000/-, reimbursement of registration fee upto Rs. 15,000 for adopting bar coding of products, participation in international trade fairs, buyer-seller meets and exhibitions, etc.

The Government has also put in place appropriate trade-defence mechanisms, such as import licensing, safeguards against surge in imports and anti-dumping measures, to provide reasonable protection to domestic industries, including small scale industries.

(c) For promotion and development of micro and small enterprises including the micro and small scale industries and to enhance their competitiveness, the Central Government has introduced the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005 in the Lok Sabha during she Budget Session 2005. Besides, in pursuance of the announcement made in the National Common Minimum Programme, a promotional package for micro and small enterprises is under consideration of the Government by which a number of support measures are contemplated to be provide to this sector to further improve its performance and make it competitive

Package for SSI sector

260 DR K. MALAISAMY- Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) the packages envisaged for small scale industires sector under common minimum programme and the achievements made by U.P.A. Government;